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BENTHAL



Monday 7th October 2024

NEWS

Message from Ms. Drew

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers that gave food for our Harvest assembly last week. We had a good range of store cupboard items donated that can be created into filling meals. It will all go to support Hackney families in our local community.

October is Black History Month. We launched the celebrations with a story about the bravery of Harriet Tubman in our assembly. We are also learning a song about the American 'Underground Railroad', which was used by Harriet Tubman. All the children will be learning about a significant black person and how their achievements have had a positive impact on everyone's lives. We will share this 'irresistible' learning with you towards the end of the month.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all the families and children that joined us for our after school International Day event. We had lots of lovely food to share and eat and the children and staff looked fantastic dressed in traditional clothes. Thank you to the Friends of Benthal and staff volunteers that helped with the event. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our culturally diverse community that positively benefits us all.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Drew

Mobile Phone

I would like to say thank you to all the parents and carers that are remembering to pack their mobile phones away once they come into the playground and the courtyard at drop off and pick up times. This simple act is vital to get grown-ups talking with their child to encourage conversation skills, please keep it up. If you forget to put it away, don't worry all the staff will give you a little reminder!



Harvest Festival









Apollo Music

We are happy to announce that tuition for those pupils who wish to learn an instrument will be included in our music provision this year. We have just started lessons for trumpet, tenor horn and trombone and we have managed to secure a bursary from Apollo Music for a second year. Keyboard lessons will also begin this term which proved very popular last year. Spaces are limited and will be available only to pupils in Key Stage 2. If you are interested in these lessons, then please contact the school office





Curriculum News

Year 6 — Arbutus has been writing fantastic poems inspired by our whole-school focus text, 'Our Tower' by Joseph Coelho. They performed these poems in assembly on National Poetry Day.



Year 5—'Willow class has been exploring a book by Joseph Coelho 'Our Tower'. During our reading sessions, we discussed about Coelho's style of writing and his constant use of figurative language. Our focus became PERSONIFICATION. So, we went outside to our lovely school grounds to listen and record all the sounds around us. This helped us write our own sentences using personification!'



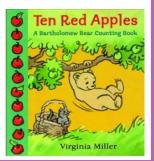
Year 1 - In BCC, we enjoyed using a map to make faces with PE equipment!



Reception—In Pine Class we have painted self-portraits this week.



Nursery — we have been counting and matching numbers. We read the book Ten Red Apples by Virginia Miller and counted all the red apples on each page.



PE Timetable

Year 1— Monday & Wednesday Year 2—Monday & Thursday

Year 3— Monday & Tuesday Year 4 - Wednesday & Friday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday Year 6 - Tuesday & Friday

DATES TO REMEMBER

Individual School Photographs

Friday 11th October

Flu Vaccinations (for Rec-Year 6)

To be confirmed

Parents Evening

Thursday 7th November 4pm-7pm

Year 3 trip to Barbican LSO

Wednesday 13th November at 9.30am

Willow Class Assembly

Thursday 21st November at 9.15am—large hall

Beech Class Assembly

Thursday 28th November at 9.15am— large hall

Y3-Y4 Pantomime at Hackney Empire

Tuesday 3rd December

Dinner with Santa

Friday 6th December at 6.15pm

Xmas Lights Switch on & Winter Fair

Friday 6th December at 3.30pm

Year 2 Barbican LSO Trip

Monday 9th December at 9.30am

KS2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 11th December at 2pm

Christmas School Lunch & Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December

Y5-6 Pantomime at Hackney Empire

Friday 13th December

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Show

Friday 13th December at 2.30pm

Class Parties

Thursday 19th December at 2pm

TERM DATES

Autumn Half Term Holidays

Mon 28th October - Fri 1st November

Christmas Break

Friday 20th December school finishes at 1.30pm Monday 6th January—All pupils back to school (NO INSET)





International Day































